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Claims 1-2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): An electronic musical instrument comprising:

an operation panel that is operated by a user;

at least one connection terminal connectable with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of ~~keys or~~ key regions each including a plurality of keys;

a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;

a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;

a first assigning device that assigns function modules respectively to the ~~keys or~~ key regions of said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said second connection interface;

a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical values respectively to the ~~keys or key regions~~ of said keyboard connected to said electronic musical instrument; and

an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the ~~keys or~~ key regions of said keyboard, for executing a function corresponding to one of the function modules assigned to the operated ~~key or~~ key region;

wherein said execution device causes ~~the~~ an operated key ~~or key region~~ to input a character, a symbol, or a numerical value assigned to the operated key ~~or key region~~, and

wherein when one of the function modules is assigned to the operated ~~key or~~ key region, said execution device causes the input character, the input symbol or the input numerical value to be delivered to the function module assigned to the operated ~~key or~~ key region.

Claims 4-16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (new): An electronic musical instrument as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a third assignment device that specifies key arrangements of said keyboard connected to said electronic musical instrument by selecting a template, and wherein the key arrangements of said keyboard are specified by using at least one of said second assignment device and said third assignment device.

Claim 18 (new): An electronic musical instrument as claimed in claim 3, wherein said connection terminal is provided on a front face of said electronic musical instrument.